Ob) whether Government propose to direct drug companies to give complete details of a drug when advertised in scientific journals, as is done in developed countries;

(c) whether OPPI, a signatory' to IDMA code on drugs, has adopted the above practice; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for which multinational drug companies are violating the code of ethics on drug advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The advertisements of 'drugs and 'magic remedies' are controlled under the provisions of Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 and Rules thereunder. The advertisements of drugs are scrutinised under the provisions of these Rules by the persons authorised by the State Governments to do so.

In addition to the above, no drugs can be advertised to claim to prevent or cure any disease listed in Schedule J to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules.

Package inserts/claims for "New Drugs" are approved by the Drugs Controller (India) at the time of approval of 'New Drug'. No other person is authorised to make any change in the text approved by the Drugs Controller (India) .

(c) and (d) Government has no information about any "IDMA code on drugs"-.

Non-recommending the certain drugs used for T.B. for price control

162. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that control of Tuberculosis in one of the terns of National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recommended certain drugs required for treatment of Tuberculosis . for price control under category I to Department of Chemicals;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Minister of Health and Family Welfare did not recommend Ethionamide, Kenamycin, Cycloserin, Prothiona-mide, Morphazinamide for price control under TB Programme;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor when these drugs are used for Tuberculosis; and

(e) what action has been taken against those responsible for negli gence and by when the supplementary recommendation would be sent for inclusion?

THE MINISTTR OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir.

(d) and (e) The criteria for recommending drugs for inclusion under category I was either the drug is freely distributed or commonly used.

Antibiotics used for blindness and STD

163. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Anti-biotics are used for control of blindness and STD;

(b) if so, names of antibiotics allowed for use for the control of these two diseases along with the strength and form under which permitted by Drugs Control Administration;

(c) what are the names of principal antibiotics used for the control of each disease;

(d) what are the specific details of each disease under which each anti-biotics is used;

(e) names of other drugs permitted for use for these diseases.